Branches of Inland Water Transport of India in Eastern Region

1771. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inland Water Transport of India is having its headquarters at New Delhi and there is no branch office in the entire Eastern region, which lacks coordination and delays the execution of the works;

(b) whether a proposal for establishment of its regional office at Bhubaneswar has been made by the State Government of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the status thereof and the time-frame within which this would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has its Head Office at Noida (UP) and two field Directorates in the Eastern region with Director level officer heading these. They are headquartered at Kolkata and Patna. There is also a Deputy Director level office at Bhagalpur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

East Coast Canal

1772. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has identified East Coast Canal as a possible National Waterway of India, which includes the East Coast Canal integrated with the Brahmani and the Mahanadi rivers; and

(b) if so, what is the status of the proposal and the time-frame within which the above project would be approved as a National Waterway?